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"PATENT APPLICATION"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Alexandria, Virginia
December 6, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

R E S P O N S E

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed
June 6, 2005.

Applicants have considered the outstanding
official action. It is respectfully submitted that the
claims are directed to patentable subject matter as set
forth below.

The outstanding rejections are as follows:

- (1) Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S.
Patent No. 5,833,516 (De Haas) or U.S. Patent
No. 4,339,322 (Balko) or U.S. Patent No.